

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for Office Action dated June 5, 2001, which has been considered by applicant. Only three remaining points need to be addressed.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because "reference character '32a, 32b' has been used to designate both a 'protruding key' and a 'nailing key.'" (Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1.) Respectfully, these synonymous statements are explained in the specification at page 14 (as amended) which states "... keys 32a and 32b are provided as raised protrusions that allow accurate location of each of flanged assemblies 42" and, at page 15 "[a]fter the sonic welding of flanged assemblies 42 about resective keys 32b to surface, the nailing keys 32a and 32b are then punched by the sonic welder, and removed, leaving apertures 8a and 8b, as shown in FIG. 1 and FIG.2, for nailing." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection has been traversed. If further changes are nonetheless required, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner call undersigned counsel of record by telephone to discuss the same.

The Examiner also noted that the specification commences at page 2. This is because the title page is page 1, and hence there is no missing information.

Lastly, the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite, because of the recitation of the phrase "is capable of" in the claim. Applicant has herein amended the claim to delete that phrase, inserting therefor the word "for" which overcomes the alleged indefiniteness.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner

determine that further action is required, it is respectfully requested that he first call undersigned counsel for applicants before issuing another Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE¹

In the Claims

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

--4. (Twice Amended) The sheet of claim 1, where the top notch of said sheet possesses a stop portion for ~~that is capable of~~ abutting said one of said flanged assemblies of said second sheet. --

¹Strikeouts refer to deleted portions, and underlines to inserted portions.